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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJ: AMENDED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

REF: STATE 037796

1. TWO TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF E.O. 11652: AS IT APPLIES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASES AT CONSULAR POSTS MAEK IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO FOLLOW REFTEL GUIDANCE. A.WE DO NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WHAT WE DO RECEIVE IN HE NORMAL COURSE OF OUR INFORMATION GATHERING FOR REPORTING PURPOSES ARE DATA, PERSONAL OPINIONS AND COMMENTS FROM FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, GOVERNMENT OR OPPOSITION POLITICIANS, ACADEMICIANS, JOURNALISTS, BUSINESSMEN, ETC. IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY DAMAGE OUR NATIONAL INTEREST IF SUCH SOURCES OF INFORMATION DRIED UP AS A RESULT OF RECORDS REVEALING THESE CONTACTS AND CONVERSATIONS BEING RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE, THIS MATERIAL MAY PROPERLY BE CLASSIFIED BUT DOES NOT APPEAR TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFIECATION BECAUSE IT DOES NOT COME FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B. EVEN IF SUCH RECORDS WERE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION, A CONSULAR POST DOES NOT HAVE AUTHRITY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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EXEMPT MATERIAL FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION. THIS

AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED ONLY TO MISSIONS.

2. EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO (STATE 155352, AUGUST 7, 1973)
THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS CONSIDERING GRANTING
AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION
TO PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF MAJOR CONSULATES. IN THE
MEANTIME, SHORT OF SENDING MESSAGES TO THE EMBASSY OR
DEPARTMENT WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE MESSAGE BE
REVIEWED AND EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION,
THE ONLY WAY A CONSULAR POST CAN INDICATE A NEED FOR
CONTINUED PROTECTION OF INFORMATION IS TO USE LOU
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